

PEACE PROPOSALS MUST COME FROM ALLIES

FOLLY FOR THE GERMANS TO PROPOSE TO END WAR

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Declares the German Chancellor in an Address before the Reichstag.

NOT MAKING CONQUEST

As Yet the Enemies of Germany Have Made No Overtures, He Says.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety then we shall always be ready to discuss them," said the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag today. The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace "as long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion."

Conscious of its military successes, the chancellor said, Germany declined responsibility for a further continuation of the war. Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquest.

"The war can be terminated only by a peace which will give the certainty that war will not return," he added. "We all agree about that." He asserted Germany's food supplies were sufficient and its stores of copper were adequate for many years.

The address of the chancellor, which has been awaited with extraordinary interest, was made in response to the Socialist interpellation:

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

No idea of peace. The chancellor began by saying that in the countries at war with Germany there had been much discussion of the Socialists' interpellation and the knowledge that peace was to be discussed in the Reichstag had been a source of satisfaction to these countries. This was incomprehensible in view of the success won in the campaign against Serbia, which opened the road to Germany's Turkish allies and threatened the most vulnerable point of the British empire.

Although this situation would explain a desire for peace on the part of Germany's enemies, he declared none of them had made overtures. Instead they were clinging to the intention which they had announced publicly with "naïve brutality" at the beginning of the war.

DROWNED

Are between 100 and 200 Animals in the Hudson River Off Battery Park.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Battery Park and the mouth of the Hudson river off the park were the scene early today of a regular western round-up of cattle, sheep and calves as the result of a collision between the steamship North Star, leaving for Portland, Me., and a barge loaded with livestock from Jersey City. A great hole was torn in the side of the barge and many of the hundreds of cattle and sheep drifted out through it and swam frantically about in an effort to reach safety. Between 100 and 200 of the animals were drowned.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

John Lowe, a miner employed at the Vincent mine east of the city, was held for the action of the next criminal court grand jury by Magistrate Jackson V. Carter, Wednesday evening. Lowe was tried Tuesday evening, but Magistrate Carter asked for time to consider the evidence. Lowe furnished bond and was released from custody.

INSURANCE MEN IN SESSION NOW

Presidents of Various Companies Are Holding Their Ninth Annual Convention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The ninth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents met in New York today for three days' discussion of such subjects as the development of city communities, farming activities and of railroad facilities, and the part which life insurance investment funds play in all three. "Policy Reserve Investments in Relation to Economic Progress," was the broad general topic, and the federal officials and transportation and agricultural experts were invited to join with the life insurance men in discussing ways and means to still further advance this progress.

The chairman of the convention, William D. Wyman, president of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company, of Pittsfield, Mass., reported that the assets of life insurance companies of the country had practically doubled

CONVICT FOUND AT MONONGAH

Riley Chrisner, Who Escaped Last August, is Returned to County Jail.

Riley Chrisner, aged 40, a county convict who took "French leave" from the Harrison county jail August 7 last, is again a prisoner there. Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe having brought him back Wednesday evening from Monongah, where he had been working in a coal mine.

Chrisner was sentenced December 24 last year to serve six months in the county jail and on the county roads and to pay a fine of \$50 and costs for unlawfully carrying a pistol. Local policemen having arrested him. Then at the June term of the criminal court this year he drew another sentence of six months and a fine of \$100 and costs for having violated the prohibition law by selling whiskey some time before his other offense. He is now to be tried before Magistrate Jackson V. Carter for escaping Chrisner has nearly served his first sentence.

When Chrisner got away from the jail last August he obtained permission to go on an errand and never returned.

WILSON

Will Leave Washington for Columbus Tonight to Make Two Addresses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Wilson will leave Washington tonight for Columbus, O., where he will make two addresses tomorrow, one before the chamber of commerce at noon and the other at night before the commission on church and country life of the federal council of churches of Christ in America. He will reach Washington Saturday afternoon on his return.

DENIAL MADE

Officially That Germany Has Called Up Recruits of the Class of 1916.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.—A German official statement received here today denies the statement made in the French Chamber of Deputies that Germany has called up the recruits of the class of 1916.

"The class of 1916 has not yet been wholly incorporated but the class of 1917 has not at all been called," the statement says.

KILLED

Is An American When Submarine Is Fired on by a Patrol.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Friends today received a letter saying that Captain Frederick Jensen, of San Francisco, who disappeared from here several months ago, was killed when the German submarine U-23 was fired upon by the British patrol boat Barralong on August 19. Jensen was a prominent local clubman.

HARPER FOUND GUILTY.

Thomas Harper has been found guilty in the criminal court of operating the Annex hotel in Glen Elk as a place of bad repute, but motion for a new trial has been made.

CARRANZA AND HIS CHIEFS CONFER WITH U. S. OFFICERS ON INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE: TELL OF BRIGHTER DAY IN MEXICO



Carranza (whiskered man in center) conferring with U. S. officers on international bridge at Brownsville, Tex. General Carranza, the recognized president of Mexico, recently held a conference with American officers and Governor Ferguson of Texas on the international bridge at Brownsville. Carranza told the Americans that a brighter day is dawning for Mexico and that all opposition to his government is dying out.

FIRST COUPON IN THE RUTH CONTEST PUBLISHED TODAY

CHARLESTON

Selected by Ice Cream Manufacturers as Next Convention City.

More than 200 representatives of the Ice Cream Manufacturers Association and supply men enjoyed the banquet given by the Clarksburg ice cream manufacturers at the Wald hotel Wednesday night, which marked the closing of the fifth annual convention of the Ice Cream Manufacturers Association of West Virginia, which, according to those attending, was one of the most successful conventions ever held by the association.

William D. McCormick was toastmaster and he called upon a number of the prominent men who were present for short talks. All called upon responded with short, witty talks which kept the entire gathering in a good humor during the entire evening.

At the closing session of the convention Wednesday afternoon Charleston was chosen as the next meeting place, the convention to be held sometime during December next year. The following officers and directors were elected:

W. M. B. Sine, of this city, re-elected, president; S. B. Haffner, of Elkins, vice president; C. F. Jamison, of Huntington, re-elected, secretary, and J. L. Wilson, of Huntington, re-elected, treasurer. Directors: John Kloss, of Wheeling; Joe L. Wilson, of Huntington; W. M. B. Sine, of Clarksburg; F. R. Brahm, of Fairmont; S. B. Haffner, of Elkins; J. E. Husband, of Bluefield, and T. B. Thompson, of Charleston.

FIRST STEPS

Are Taken towards Resumption of Diplomatic Relations with Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The first step towards the resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico was taken today in the appointment of Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, as Mexican ambassador to the United States.

The appointment of an American ambassador in all likelihood, Henry P. Fletcher, at present ambassador to Chile, soon will be announced. Resumption of diplomatic relations means that Mexico will soon take its long vacant seat in the diplomatic councils of the world. For nearly three years, since the days of Madero, there has been no government in Mexico recognized by the world powers.

BIG LABOR BODY.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, was formed today for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and conditions of work.

STEAMER NOT SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyds announced today that the American oil steamer Communiapaw, reported to have been sunk by a submarine off the coast of Tripoli, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York yesterday.

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BIG CROWDS HEAR JUDGE MAKE SPEECH

Candidate Gets Very Enthusiastic Reception in Lincoln County.

Reports received today from Hamlin, the county seat of Lincoln county, were to the effect that Judge Ira E. Robinson, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, met with an enthusiastic reception when he appeared there Monday at the opening day of the circuit court of that county. There was a representative attendance from all sections of the county and the reception given to Judge Robinson was highly satisfactory to his friends.

Judge Robinson has been devoting much of his time and attention to the southern section of the state and his candidacy has seemed to appeal to a great majority of the voters of that section, in which there is a heavy Republican vote.

At Hamlin Judge Robinson spoke for some thirty or forty minutes, in which he made references to the situation that brought about his candidacy and the things for which he would stand if nominated and elected governor.

Although the engagement had been made in behalf of Judge Robinson, the representatives of Auditor Darst, also a candidate for the Republican nomination, and Attorney General A. A. Lilly, a prospective candidate for governor, were in attendance. In behalf of Auditor Darst, who was unable to attend, his son, Clifford Darst, an employee of the auditor's office, appeared and made a short address in which he explained that his father was unable to be in attendance and expected to be in the race to the end. Ex-Congressman James A. Hughes, of Huntington, who is generally credited as being the Lilly campaign manager, and J. E. Brown, of Charleston, and assistant attorney general, were in attendance at Hamlin in the interest of the Lilly candidacy. Neither one of the latter, however, made addresses.

Judge Robinson returned to Huntington last night where he was in conference with prominent leaders of the party in Cabell county, and left this afternoon for a tour of several days in Mingo and Mercer counties on the Norfolk and Western, where he is getting acquainted with the voters.

The fact that Auditor Darst was represented at the meeting at Hamlin and the assurance given by his son that his father was an active candidate for the governorship seems to remove all elements of doubt as to the intention of Auditor Darst to remain a full fledged candidate for the governorship. There have been numerous rumors afloat to the effect that the auditor contemplated withdrawal from the race, but these seem to be without sound basis.

Secretary Lansing in announcing receipt of Ambassador Page's despatch said Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, also had informed him today of the decision of the foreign office which is understood to carry with it cancellation of the order requisitioning the Hocking and Genesee, speedy trial of the test cases is expected.

PROTEST ACCDED

By Great Britain and Test Cases Are to Be Made of Two Steamers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page at London advised the state department today that Great Britain had acceded to the American protest against the requisitioning of ships of the American Trans-Atlantic Company.

Test cases will be made of the steamers Hocking and Genesee, which will not be requisitioned but held pending decision of the prize court. In the meantime Great Britain assures the United States that no other vessels of the company will be seized.

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STAFF CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the Eighty-second German army division was captured by Russian mountain scouts brought as prisoners into the Russian lines, as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts received here.

PLANT SOLD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 9.—Announcement was made today of the sale by the Marlin Firearms Company of its plant here to the Marlin Arms Corporation, a new corporation which filed articles of incorporation at Albany, N. Y., yesterday with a capital stock of \$3,000,000.

MRS. TALKINGTON IMPROVING.

Many friends of Mrs. I. D. Talkington, who has been ill at her home at 440 Virginia street, will be glad to learn her condition is much improved.

TIBBS ACQUITTED.

Howard Tibbs, colored, was acquitted in the criminal court, Wednesday evening on a charge of having sold liquor to Dora Allen. The jury did not believe Dora.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Lawrence E. McCray and Eva F. Miller and Clarence A. Prunty and Lottie Church.

STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Veria and the Greek steamer Gouladris have been sunk.

Mrs. W. F. Nuzum, of 219 Sycamore street, has returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Fairmont.

And the Anglo-French Lines Are Forming Almost with in That Country.

GREECE MUST ACT SOON

Plans of the French and British in the Balkans Are Still a Mystery.

SOFIA, via London, Dec. 9.—The annihilation of a French battalion by a Bulgarian bayonet attack during a battle in southern Serbia is announced in an official statement issued today by Bulgarian army headquarters. Substantial progressive operations against the French as far south as Demir-Kapu on the Vardar river is reported in the statement.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Four towns near the southwestern Serbian frontier have been captured by the Bulgarians, the war office announced today. They are Ochrida, eighteen miles north of the Greek border; Struga, northeast of Ochrida; Dibra, thirty-five miles above Ochrida; and Djakova, over the border in southwestern Montenegro.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—German troops are reported at the Greek border. With the Anglo-French lines forming almost within Greek territory it is believed here Greece cannot postpone much longer a more definite revelation of the stand it expects to take should the arena of hostilities be transferred to its soil.

Colonel Phallia of the Greek army is now conferring with the Entente commanders, but the Paris press expresses fear that he is not authorized to take the full steps necessary to safeguard the interests of the Anglo-French troops. The interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press is attesting a great deal of attention in Germany, where the opinion is general that he has given good reasons in justification of the attitude of his country.

The plans of the French and British troops in the Balkans are still a mystery. The continued landing of reinforcements lends color to the theory that an aggressive campaign is contemplated. At the same time the steady withdrawal of the troops from their advanced positions leads to the belief that for the present the occupation of Saloniki as a base for operations at a later time forms the extent of their determination.

The opening of the Hungarian parliament provided an opportunity for discussion of peace which was entirely negative. Premier Tisza spoke of Roumania's attitude with considerable regret while expressing sympathy for the position in which Greece had been placed.

With only three days left for the test of Lord Derby's plan for recruiting, enlistment officers are being overwhelmed with men who wish to volunteer under the group system. Last night many recruiting officers worked until after midnight.

Nothing of exceptional interest has occurred on the main fronts except in the East whence it is reported unofficially that Russian troops in Bessarabia are showing great activity.

SEVERE FIGHTING ON FRENCH FRONT NOW

ATHENS, Dec. 9.—There has been severe fighting on the French front during the last twenty-four hours, according to despatches from Saloniki. The Bulgarians are said to have made no impression on the French line in the Doiran-Debristatou section. The accurate fire of the Entente artillery decimated the Bulgarians.

EXPLOSION IS CAUSED IN A GERMAN STATION

PARIS, Dec. 9.—In the Champagne district French artillery has caused the explosion of a German depot of munitions at a point near St. Souplet, according to an announcement made today by the French war office. French counter attacks near Soissons continue to drive the Germans back. The Germans here hold only a portion of the advanced trenches.

BURNS FATAL

To Miss Etta Watson, of Smithtown, a Cousin of Former Senator Watson.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 9.—Miss Etta Watson, aged 40, a member of a prominent family, died this morning at her home at Smithtown, near here, from burns received when she picked a flaming coal from the floor using her cotton dress to protect her hand. She was a cousin of former United States Senator C. W. Watson.

MORRIS ON TRIAL

Dave Morris was placed on trial in the criminal court Thursday morning, charged with having had liquor at the railway station here, a public place.